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In re the Application of:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2005 ("Office Action"), reconsideration is requested in light of the following. A one month extension of time is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.